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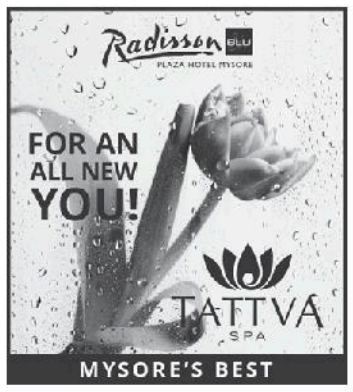
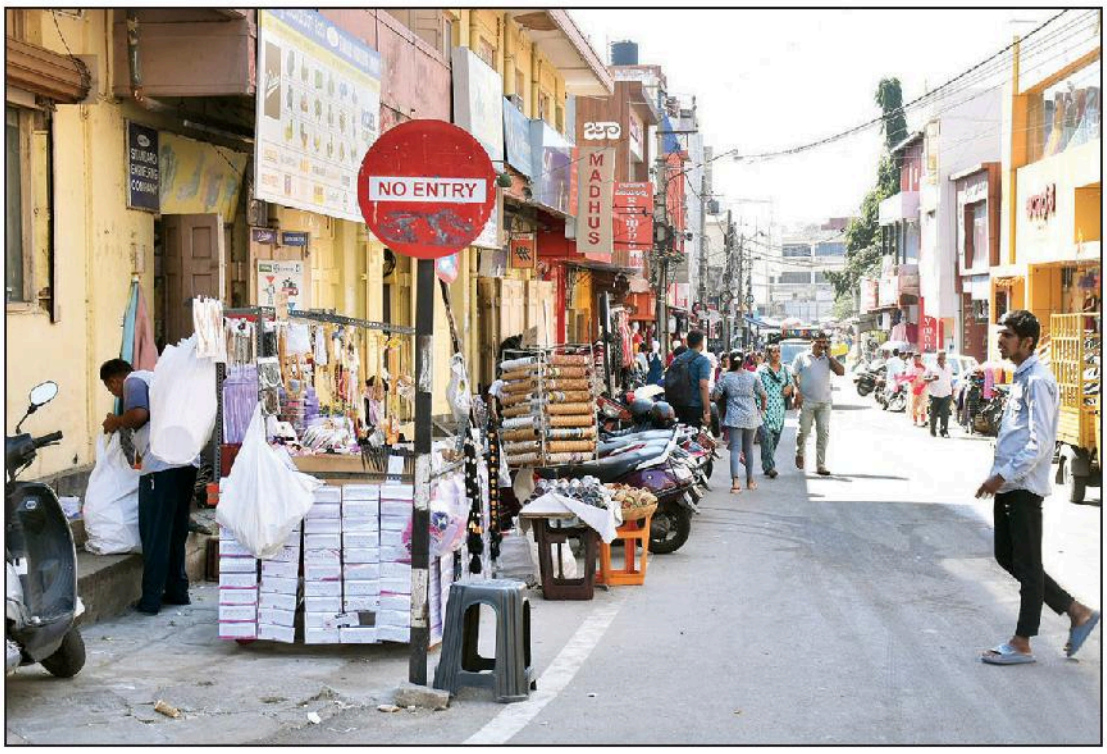


Kings of footpaths are encroachers
PEDESTRIANS IN PERIL



Footpath encroachment on the road adjacent to Prabha Talkies leading towards Olympia Theatre junction.

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (SPN, RK & BS)- Footpath encroachments in the heart of the city is back to trouble pedestrians. The general public and road users are demanding the authorities to permanently rein in the encroachers along with roadside vendors to address the menace.

The footpaths around K.R. Circle extending towards Devaraja Market on Sayyaji Rao Road, Gandhi Square and surroundings areas are encroached upon by vendors selling fruits, garments, footwears, fancy items among others, who won't even spare the road sides, severely inconveniencing the road users. This often leads to accidents and street fights.

With the haphazard parking of vehicles and roadside vendors occupying footpath space, the pedestrians are forced to hit the roads, struggling to wade through vehicles. The senior citizens on foot have to face hardships, which is rather inexplicable.

Eve teasing menace

Girish, a pedestrian said "Women have to face the torment of ogling youths who resort to eve teasing as they struggle to walk through the busy lanes. Umpteen requests made to jurisdictional Devaraja Police and Lashkar Police Stations and also Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner have yielded zero results."

(See PEDESTRIANS on page 6)

Editor's Note

Our office is inundated with phone calls and personal visits of victims of cramped footpaths and misbehaviour of the urban lumpen. Chikkagadiyara was developed into a beautiful place (social gathering place) to sit and relax to the shoppers at heavy cost spending lakhs of rupees. But the vendors are back again in that area. Likewise in many places where pre-owned cars are sold or motor-lorry workshops are located, the main road itself is encroached upon. Is there a nexus between these people and the authorities, ask the tax-payers.

100 'Ashwamedha Classic' buses
LAUNCHED

Mysuru gets 15 buses; Additional 10 buses to ply from Bengaluru; Daily 50 trips; Rs. 185 per seat

Bengaluru, Feb. 6 (KMS,RK & VNS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah flagged off 100 'Ashwamedha Classic' buses — upgraded versions of KSRTC buses in front of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru yesterday.

Notably, 15 'Ashwamedha' buses will be stationed at the Mysuru depot, conducting two trips daily to Bengaluru. Additionally, 10 buses will operate from Bengaluru to Mysuru, making a total of 50 trips. Tickets are priced at Rs. 185 per person.

(See BUSES on page 6)

Six more AI-based cameras on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway

NHAI approves Video Incident Detection and Enforcement System worth Rs. 3.6 crore

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (BCT)- With the goal of effectively curbing accidents resulting from traffic violations on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway and enforcing penalties on offenders, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has given approval for the deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras at six additional locations.

The NHAI has allocated Rs. 3.6 crore for the installation of these ANPR cameras. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha, in a post on X (formerly Twitter), announced that the cameras are designed to capture instances of overspeeding, lane discipline violations, wrong side movements and the activities of two and three-wheelers, among other infractions.

The MP has posted a communication from the Indian Highways Management Company Limited (an initiative of NHAI) to Tecsidel India Pvt. Ltd, Gurugram, Haryana, that has been entrusted with the responsibility of providing Video Incident Detection and Enforcement System (VIDES) on the Bengaluru-Mysuru section of National Highway-275.

(See CAMERAS on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 6th February 2024

Skycraft - Soaring Skies Kite Making Competition held

Mysuru, Feb.6- The Skycraft: Soaring Skies Kite Making Competition, hosted by JITO (Jain International Trade Organisation) Ladies Wing Mysuru, was held in city recently. The event for children aged 7 to 12 years witnessed active participation from young talents.

KKG (Karnataka-Kerala-Goa) Zone Convener Chandragupt, JITO Mysuru Chairman Kantilal, Chief Secretary Goutham Salecha, JITO Ladies Wing Convener Vinod Bakliwal, JITO Youth Vice-Chairman Siddharth, JITO Ladies Wing Working Chairperson Mona, Chief Secretary Rajani Dagaliya, Vice-Chairperson Sapna Gandhi, Treasurer Sarita Baghmar, Joint Secretary Meenakshi Kothari and Working Committee Members were present on the occasion.

Children immersed themselves in the joy of crafting kites, showcasing their artistic flair. Prizes were given to top three winners, while all participants received consolation prizes.

Railway pensioners monthly meeting on Feb. 10

Mysuru, Feb.6- The monthly meeting of the Railway Pensioners Welfare Association, Mysuru, will be held at 11.30 am on Feb. 10 (second Saturday) at its Office on Seshadri Iyer Road in city.

G.S Swaminathan, Working President, will address the gathering regarding the present status of the cases of notional increment for those who retired on superannuation on June 30 and December 31.

Parthasarathy, Association President, will address the members. M.D. Sunil Kumar Jain, General Secretary and M. Govinda Rao, Vice-President will be present at the meeting.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

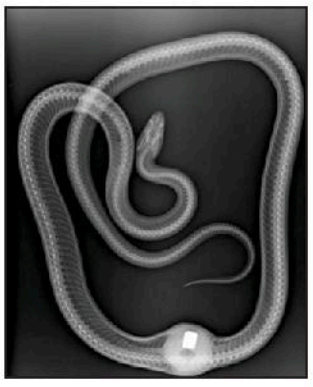
DECODING SANATANA DHARMA: ***What is*** *Sanatana Dharma* ***and what do our scriptures say about it? Simply put, it is the ancient, timeless guiding principle for leading a dharmic life. Vedas show the way, however, the Vedas are not easily comprehensible for the ordinary man. Therefore, such dharma is disseminated through our epics and other holy literature, said Tiruvidaimarudur Nidhiswara Shrowthigal in a discourse.***

The Ramayana, Mahabharata and Siva Rahasyam are the three great epics which showcase how our ancestors lived and the guiding principles by which they led a value-based life. In these epics one will often come across the phrase, *Esha dharma sanatnaha,* ***meaning, what is shown here is what*** *sanatana dharma* ***is. The best exemplifier of dharma is Rama. Lord Vishnu manifested as the scion of the Ishvaku clan in order to show mankind the importance of leading a virtuous life, regardless of challenges. The Ramayana highlights every facet of dharma in a nuanced manner. One such is the importance of gratitude.***

In his *Kural,* ***Tiruvalluvar says,*** *En nandri kondrarkkum uyvvundam, uyvillaisei nandri kondra magarkku* ***(All the sins one commits may be redeemed, except ingratitude). This trait is amplified through the episode of mount Mainaka in*** *Sundara Kandam.* ***Mainaka appears in Hanuman's path as he crosses the sea to Sri Lanka, inviting him to rest en route.*** *— In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Gear shift knob removed from snake's stomach



Maryland: Veterinarians in Maryland performed surgery on a rat snake to remove a gear shift knob the serpent had mistakenly swallowed.

The Second Chance Wildlife Centre in Gaithersburg said the snake was brought in with an unknown foreign object in its stomach.

The object had been trapped in the snake's stomach so long that there was a hole worn through the snake's skin.

The object was surgically removed from inside the snake and identified as a gear shift knob from a car.

The post said the snake has now made a full recovery and will be released in the spring.

Family driven out of home by bats

Georgia: A Georgia family said they had to evacuate their home when it became infested by a colony of bats.

Monica and Isaiah Grant moved from Chicago to the rental home in Savannah's Ardsley Park neighbourhood less than a year ago, and they encountered their first bat Jan. 18.

"We're like, Savannah has many bats, so it's fine. Nothing's wrong," Monica Grant said. Grant said several more bat encounters occurred in the ensuing days, and the family soon discovered the house was infested with the flying animals.

Grant said exterminators who viewed the home told her the situation is "worse than anything they have ever seen."

The couple and their two children, ages 2 and eight months, are now staying with a neighbour and have received rabies shots on the recommendation of the Coastal Health District.

HEALTH CAPSULE

The symptoms of urinary tract infection are burning in urine, frequent urination, passing blood in urine, lower abdomen pain associated with fever with chills.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P – Consultant – Urology & Andrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

'Kathasandhi' event with Konkani writer on Feb. 11

Vally Vagga

Mysuru, Feb.6- Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi in collaboration with Konkani Christian Association (KCA), Mysuru, will present 'Kathasandhi' programme with Vally Vagga (Valerian D'Souza), an eminent Konkani short story writer and poet on Feb. 11 at Konkan Bhavan in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru.

Holy Mass in Konkani will be held at 8.30 am and the programme will be inaugurated at 10 am.

On the occasion, cultural programmes will be presented by the specially-abled children.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **91.82 feet**	Today's level **2,272.22 feet**	Today's level **2,831.59 feet**
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Today's Inflow **587 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **107 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **218 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **501 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Insects have been around for about 350 million years. To put that in perspective, we'll note that humans have only been here for 13,000 years.***
- ***The most expensive book ever purchased was sold for $30.8 million. It was written by Leonardo Da Vinci and bought by Bill Gates.***
- ***Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt during 50 to 30 B.C., came to power at the age of 12 and married two of her brothers during her reign. It sounds crazy today, but this was fairly common practice back then!***
- ***The Sahara Desert is known for being the world's hottest desert. However, just 6,000 years ago, this dry land was a lush rainforest with thick vegetation and high rainfall.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *If your father gave your mother Rs. 200 and then took away Rs.150, what would your mother get?*

Terry: *She would get very angry!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.05
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 104.26
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.61
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.29

VOICE OF THE READER

Strictly follow protocols of speed-breakers

Sir,

The recent tragic incident resulting in the death of three individuals at the speed-breaker on Bogadi Road serves as a poignant reminder that speed-breakers can become death traps if proper protocols are not followed. This incident, reported in *SOM* dated Jan. 31, underscores the consequences of criminal negligence in implementing necessary safety measures.

When introducing a new speed-breaker, adherence to specific precautions, in addition to design standards, is paramount. Firstly, it is essential to paint the speed-breaker with bright stripes, and the paint should be reflective to ensure visibility during night-time also.

Secondly, the installation of warning signage by IRC (Indian Roads Congress) guidelines is crucial. As an additional precautionary measure, deploying a flagman for the initial days can help alert commuters and familiarise them with the speed-breaker, ultimately contributing to saving lives. Recognising the value of every life, it is imperative to take all necessary steps to prevent fatalities.

The design of the speed-breaker itself must align with IRC standards. The specifications for speed-breakers were conveyed by me on multiple occasions many years ago to the Mysuru City Corporation. While modifications, such as introducing some flat width at the top and altering the material of hump, may be necessary, the primary objective is to ensure a shock-free movement for vehicles while concurrently reducing speed.

— H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana
Saraswathipuram
1.2.2024

Satish Sail takes over as KSMCAL Chairman

MLA Satish Krishna Sail being greeted with a bouquet after taking charge as the Chairman of KSMCAL at Bengaluru yesterday along with his wife. Others seen are KSMCAL MD Siddalingappa B. Pujari, Deputy General Manager P.S. Nandish, Deputy Director Latha Nayak, Managers Rashmi Yadati & Nagappa Kittur and Assistant Manager Tejawathi.

Bengaluru, Feb. 6- Karwar Congress MLA Satish Krishna Sail took charge as the 29th Chairman of **Karnataka State Marketing Communication and Advertising Limited (KSMCAL),** the only one of its kind State-run body in the Advertising field in the country, at Bengaluru on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, Sail said he was thankful to the State Government for appointing him as the Chairman of this unique Government body.

Stating that he would do his best for taking forward KSMCAL, he said he would make all efforts to get support from all levels of the State Government for carrying out the activities of the body in a most effective and appropriate manner.

KSMCAL Managing Director Siddalingappa B. Pujari and other staff were present on the occasion.

King Charles III diagnosed with cancer: Buckingham Palace

London, Feb. 6 (Agencies)- Britain's King Charles III has been diagnosed with a form of cancer and will postpone public-facing duties, Buckingham Palace said in a statement on Monday.

King Charles, 75, had spent three nights in the hospital last month after undergoing a corrective procedure for an enlarged prostate when a separate issue of concern was noted. The Palace said that tests had identified a form of cancer.

"During the King's recent hospital procedure for benign prostate enlargement, a separate issue of concern was noted. Subsequent diagnostic tests have identified a form of cancer.

"His Majesty has today commenced a schedule of regular treatments, during which time he has been advised by doctors to postpone public-facing duties. Throughout this period, His Majesty will continue to undertake State business and official paperwork as usual.

"The King is grateful to his medical team for their swift intervention, which was made possible thanks to his recent hospital procedure. He remains wholly positive about his treatment and looks forward to returning to full public duty as soon as possible.

"His Majesty has chosen to share his diagnosis to prevent speculation and in the hope it may assist public understanding for all those around the world who are affected by cancer," The Buckingham Palace said in a statement.

King Charles III

UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has wished for a speedy recovery for King Charles. In a post on social media platform X, he posted, "Wishing His Majesty a full and speedy recovery. I have no doubt he'll be back to full strength in no time and I know the whole country will be wishing him well."

"I join the people of India in wishing speedy recovery and good health to His Majesty King Charles III," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter.

State Congress Govt. to stage stir at Jantar Mantar in Delhi tomorrow

Bengaluru, Feb.6 (KMS&DM)- Strongly condemning the Centre's alleged step-motherly attitude towards Karnataka regarding tax devolution, the State Congress Government led by CM Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar will hold a stir at New Delhi's Jantar Mantar tomorrow (Feb.7).

Addressing a press meet in Bengaluru yesterday, CM Siddaramaiah said the protest will be staged at Jantar Mantar at 11 am tomorrow.

Pointing out that the stir is aimed against Centre's discrimination towards the State regarding tax devolution, the CM claimed that Karnataka has suffered a total loss of Rs.1,87, 000 crore since 2017 under various tax heads.

Alleging that North Indian States are getting more money from tax devolution, he said that this is grave injustice as it is the Southern States which contribute more to the Centre's taxation heads.

Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar inspecting the protest venue in Delhi last night. Congress MP from Karnataka D.K. Suresh is also seen. [Pic. courtesy: Internet]

Noting that Karnataka strongly opposes the Centre's attitude towards the State, Siddaramaiah said that the stir aims to draw the attention of the country regarding injustice to the State after the Modi Government came to power at the Centre.

Lashing out at PM Modi and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for turning a blind eye to the State's numerous representations for releasing due share of Central taxes, the CM maintained that the stir is not a political one. He further said that the State Government is mulling on coming up with a white paper regarding the issue.

Meanwhile, D.K. Shivakumar, who is already in the national capital, inspected the protest venue last night along with his MP brother D.K. Suresh and others.

NEWS BRIEFS

General meeting

A general meeting has been called at Mysuru Taluk Panchayat (Mini Vidhana Soudha - Room No. 212) auditorium tomorrow (Feb. 7) at 10.30 am. The Mysuru Taluk Panchayat Administrative Officer will preside over the meeting. All Taluk-level Officers have been asked to attend the meeting, according to a press release.

Calling Society Members

The city's Honnusiri Multi-purpose Co-operative Society, having office at Ratna Complex on Buddha Marga in Siddarthanagar, has launched new registration and renewal of existing cards of Yeshasvini Health Scheme for all its Members. As such, the Society Members are appealed to make use of this opportunity and get registered for the Health Scheme or get their Scheme card renewed, latest by Feb. 28, according to a press release. For details, contact Mob: 97419-30447 or 99453-00897 or 88849-27818.

Entries invited for Literary Awards

Samatha Adhyayana Kendra, Mysuru, has invited entries from women writers for the prestigious 'Vijaya Dabbe Literary Award-2024' instituted by the Kendra in the name of its Founder-President and renowned writer late Dr. Vijaya Dabbe. Women writers whose works were first published during 2020-2023 and interested publishers can send entries accompanied by 4 copies of their literary work to the following address, latest by Mar. 15: Vijaya Rao, House No. 861, 14th Main, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru - 570017. The Award will be presented at a programme to be held in Mysuru on June 2. The Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a citation, according to a press release from Kendra President Sabiha Bhoomigowda. For details, call Mob: 98454-22855.

City's cleanliness activities lack proper coordination

Former State Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman Narayan highlights the problem within MCC

Mysuru, once celebrated for earning the country's cleanest city tag in both 2015 and 2016, has experienced a notable decline, now ranking at a disappointing 27th position. This downturn has left the city residents disheartened, with both the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the citizens sharing responsibility for the city's diminished standing.

In light of this situation, *Star of Mysore* engaged in a conversation with former Mayor Narayan, also a former Chairman of the Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission, seeking his insights on restoring the city to its former top position in the Swachh Surveskhan rankings. Excerpts:

By S.B. Devaraj

Star of Mysore (SOM): The presence of heaps of garbage is evident throughout the city despite the existence of a waste collection system. What is your reaction to this?

Narayan: Every individual bears the responsibility of upholding the city's cleanliness. The initial step involves segregating dry and wet waste in every household. Regrettably, this practice is not gaining traction as anticipated. Pourakarmikas, responsible for door-to-door waste collection, refuse to collect non-segregated waste.

Subsequently, residents of such homes place their waste in plastic covers, leading to indiscriminate disposal. Public awareness regarding environmental conservation is crucial. Citizens should conscientiously separate waste into two distinct buckets of different colours (red and green), facilitating easier waste disposal.

SOM: How do you interpret Mysuru's declining rankings each year after securing the cleanest city title for two consecutive years in the last decade?

Narayan: In my view, the primary cause behind Mysuru's dwindling performance in the Swachh Surveskhan Clean City rankings is the administrative lapses of the MCC. Cleanliness issues exacerbate after the completion of the Corporators' tenure. There is a lack of teamwork within the MCC and the cleanliness activities lack proper coordination.

Despite the commendable efforts of the Pourakarmikas, an effective administrative system and public cooperation are equally essential. It is disheartening to note the lack of substantial progress in Solid Waste Management. Additionally, there seems to be a diminished public interest in survey participation. The combination of these factors may have contributed to Mysuru's descent to the 27th place in the Swachh Survekshan rankings.

SOM: Have you succeeded in raising public awareness about administrative failures?

Narayan: The MCC Commissioner and Health Officials must collaborate and maintain consistent communication with the public. Contractors, environmental engineers, Health Inspectors and other top officials should be responsible for monitoring at various levels.

Unfortunately, the current system lacks coordination, reaching a point where mutual disregard is pervasive. Previously, Corporators used to oversee Pourakarmikas' attendance and proactively address issues on the spot. With the absence of an elected body, MCC officials must now assume this responsibility and urgently address concerns.

SOM: What is your assessment of the current waste disposal situation?

Narayan: A few years ago, the city's daily waste collection stood at 200 tonnes. Presently, the daily waste generation has increased to 250 tons due to a surge in household, industrial, commercial and biowastes. It is disheartening to observe the mixing of medical waste with other categories. While waste generation continues to rise, the number of Pourakarmikas is decreasing. Moreover, there is no ongoing recruitment of new Pourakarmikas, leading to an escalating workload for the existing workforce and exacerbating the existing problems.

SOM: Could entrusting the responsibility of waste management to Pourakarmikas lead to an improvement in waste disposal?

Narayan: Yes, assigning the responsibility of waste management to those directly handling the waste could result in improvement. Primarily, there is a need to appoint a greater number of Pourakarmikas.

Environmental Engineers also play a crucial role in waste management and they should take this responsibility seriously, making concerted efforts to address the ongoing waste disposal challenges stemming from various factors.

SOM: Lastly, what are your recommendations for preserving the city's environment?

Narayan: Firstly, there should be an increase in the number of appointed Pourakarmikas to manage the growing quantity of waste. Officials need to coordinate and initiate extensive campaigns to raise public awareness. The responsibility for maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in the city is equally shared by citizens and the MCC.

Public awareness campaigns should stress the importance of waste segregation at the source in households and discourage indiscriminate waste disposal. Penalties should be imposed on irresponsible citizens. In countries like Singapore and China, even young children are educated on cleanliness maintenance, leading to disciplined waste disposal. Similarly, our children should be instilled with such discipline.

Additionally, cleanliness education should be included in the school curriculum. Overall, every citizen plays a crucial role in keeping the city clean. MCC officials should be receptive to valuable suggestions from any source and incorporate them into their work culture.

Works on to repair damaged water pipeline at Bamboo Bazaar

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (BLU&BS)- Finally, the damaged drinking water pipeline near Railway Underbridge (RUB) at Bamboo Bazaar in Yadavagiri here is being repaired.

Following a report published in this regard in *Star of Mysore* on Feb. 4, Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) engineers, who woke up to the situation, undertook the repair works, to plug the leakage of several lakhs of litres of water from the pipeline.

As the water pipeline is made of iron, the damaged portion is being soldered to close the hole to check leakage of water henceforth.

On the other hand, water was flowing from another damaged pipeline near a petrol bunk at Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle (Highway Circle) in Bannimantap. As a large quantity of water was flowing towards Jodi Tenginamara Burial Ground Road, especially in the night hour, the newly asphalted road was damaged to an extent.

After a portion of the road was damaged, measures are taken to arrest leakage of water. But when will the Officials fix the damages of the road?

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner will be really appreciated for his uprightness if he ensures that the Officers responsible for damaging the road themselves are made to borne the expenditure towards repairing the stretch of Jodi Tenginamara Burial Ground Road.

Anjuman fetes KPSC and UoM Syndicate Members, MCC Comr.

Picture shows** (sitting from left) **former Vice-Chancellor of Jammu and Kashmir University Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen, University of Mysore (UoM) Syndicate Member Prof. Shabbir Mohammed Mustafa, KPSC Member Mustafa Hussain and MCC Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff with the office-bearers and members of Anjuman-e-Hadeeqathul Adab at the felicitation function in city on Sunday.

Mysuru, Feb. 6- Anjuman-e-Hadeeqathul Adab, a literary, education and social organisation, had organised a function at St. Philomena's College auditorium on Sunday where newly nominated Member of Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) Mustafa Hussain, newly nominated University of Mysore (UoM) Syndicate Member Prof. Shabbir Mohamed Mustafa and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff were felicitated.

Former Vice-Chancellor of Jammu and Kashmir University and Member of University Grants Commission (UGC) Padma Shri awardee Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen presided.

The function began with the recitation of verses from Holy Quran by Noorulla Shariff. President of Anjuman Dr. Mohamed Salahuddin welcomed.

Speaking after being felicitated, KPSC Member Mustafa Hussain said, "We should work for the development of our mother-tongue Urdu and at the same time I am not against any language. I can speak Kannada, English and Urdu very fluently."

Explaining the importance of education, he said that education is the only solution for the problems and appealed the students to take part in the examination conducted by KPSC and utilise the golden opportunity to serve the society.

MCC Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff appealed the parents to educate their children.

Stating that in the recent survey, Mysuru city got the 27th rank in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the MCC Commissioner said that their aim was to improve the cleanliness of Mysuru city and make it the number one city in cleanliness besides stating that his aim was to supply water to every house, providing street-lights and upgrade UGD facility.

UoM Syndicate Member Prof. Shabbir Mohamed Mustafa also spoke on the occasion.

S. Moinuddin Pasha, Member of Anjuman, proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem compered the programme.

Bengaluru youth drowns in river at Muthathi

D.B. Vishwas

Halagur, Feb. 6- A 27-year-old youth, who had come to Muthathi along with his friends on a trip, drowned in River Cauvery on Monday.

The deceased youth is D.B. Vishwas, a resident of Nayandahalli in Bengaluru.

Vishwas, along with five of his friends, had come to Muthathi, near Halagur in Malavalli, to have the darshan of Anjaneyaswamy.

Before the darshan, Vishwas ventured into the river and was drowned after getting caught in the whirlpool.

Halagur Police, who fished out the body, shifted it to a hospital, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the family members.

Real estate partnership: Man allegedly cheated of Rs. 55 lakh

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (RK&KS)- A man, who was lured into real estate business partnership by two persons promising high returns, has been allegedly cheated of Rs. 55 lakh by the duo at Vijayanagar in city. One Gajanana Bhat, alleging that he has been cheated, has lodged a complaint against Babaiah Swamy Naidu and Brahmananda Reddy at Vijayanagar Police Station.

In his complaint, Bhat has stated that he is serving at Central Tourism Dept. and he got to know Naidu and Reddy through one Ravi. Naidu and Reddy took him (Bhat) as a partner for the real estate firm at Vijayanagar by taking Rs. 55 lakh from him only to cheat him. Bhat has also stated that the duo have switched off their mobile phones. Based on the complaint, Vijayanagar Inspector Vishwanath, who has registered a case, is investigating.

Senior theatre personality Shamanna passes away

Shamanna

Melukote, Feb. 6- Senior theatre personality Shamanna (75) of Pagadekallahalli near Melukote in Pandavapura taluk of Mandya district passed away at his residence on Monday morning.

He leaves behind his son Ashok, four daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native village in Mandya on Monday evening.

He was the first year recipient of the State-level Kayakayogi Sri Siddarameshwara Award. He was involved in the theatre for over 4 decades. A respected person, Shamanna had served as a Gram Panchayat Member and as President of Pandavapura Taluk Panchayat. He was supposed to be felicitated during Rathasaptami Folklore Evening (Janapada Sanje) that is scheduled to take place at Melukote on Feb.15.

Three house burglars arrested

Gold ornaments, silver coins and cash totalling Rs. 47.42 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (RK&KS)- Narasimharaja (NR) Police have arrested three house burglars and have recovered gold ornaments, silver coins and cash, all worth Rs. 47,42,000 from them.

Those arrested are 25-year-old Syed Ayub and 42-year-old Mohammed Munna, residents of Kalyangiri and Shanthinagar and 48-year-old Prasad alias Asif. They were waiting on the Outer Ring Road near Unnati Nagar to sell the stolen valuables when the Police picked them up on Jan. 29. The Police have launched a hunt to nab another accused, who is absconding.

During interrogation, NR Police came to know that they had burgled a house of a doctor in Maddur and had decamped with 830 grams gold ornaments and had lifted a Hyundai Santro car, which was parked in front of a house in KR Nagar. The accused were using the stolen car to commit crimes.

The Cops also came to know that they had burgled a house at VV Puram in city, Rs. 20,000 cash from a gas distribution agency near Narayana Hospital in Rajivnagar. The accused were jailed for various crimes they had committed and Syed was released on bail on Dec. 26, 2023, Munna on Nov. 28, 2023 and Asif was released from jail on bail on Jan. 7, 2024.

Following their arrest, the Police have solved one case each in Maddur, Srirangapatna Rural, KR Nagar, Mysuru South and VV Puram Police Stations.

The three accused had a total of 30 cases registered against them and again took to crime after coming out of jail.

NR Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar produced the three accused before a Magistrate, who remanded them to judicial custody.

DCPs M. Muthuraj (Law and Order) and S. Jahnavi (Crime and Traffic) and NR Sub-Division ACP C.K. Ashwathnarayan guided NR Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar, Sub-Inspector S.K. Ganesh and staff T.M. Adam, M. Mohankumar, C. Sunil Kumar, D.S. Doddegowda, K. Eeresh, C. Basavaraju and Parashuram in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Obituary

P.K. Mohammed Yousuf

Mysuru, Feb. 6- Alhaj P.K. Mohammed Yousuf (67), of Star Agencies on Mission Hospital Road and a resident of No. 187, 11th Cross, Shivaji Road in NR Mohalla, passed away yesterday night in city.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today at Salafi Masjid-e-Abubakar, Subhashnagar, after Asar (4.15 pm) followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

R. Padmajirao

R. Padmajirao (88), a resident of Dattagalli 3rd Stage, passed away on Feb. 4 in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, three daughters, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

Lakkamma

Lakkamma (76), wife of late Ha.Ma. Chikkegowda and a resident of Doddahundi in the taluk, passed away yesterday in the village.

She leaves behind two sons including former Dhanagalli Gram Panchayat President Somanna, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the family's farm land in Doddahundi this morning.

Kaleel Khan

Bylakuppe: Kaleel Khan (54), a resident of Bylakuppe village, passed away following brief illness at a private hospital in Mysuru on Monday.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter, brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds on the 1st Camp Road in the village today, according to family sources.

15 Ashwamedha buses to Mysuru

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These buses are operated by the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) and branded as 'Ashwamedha Classic', featuring the tagline 'Journey Redefined'. They will operate on point-to-point routes between district headquarters and Bengaluru under the management of KSRTC.

"The KSRTC is introducing 1,000 buses this year, with the inauguration of 100 buses taking place today. Over the past four years, no new buses were added and approximately, 3,800 buses were suspended during the pandemic. Since assuming power, we have taken the initiative to add 5,800 buses to the organisation," said CM Siddaramaiah.

The Chief Minister urged people not to be swayed by what he referred to as 'false' assurances from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He stated, "PM Modi said Karnataka would face a financial crisis with 'guarantee schemes' but we have successfully implemented these schemes. This includes the provision of free bus travel for women."

In the initial phase, 100 buses have been added, with an additional 800 buses scheduled to join the fleet by the end of May 2024. Approximately, 100 buses have already arrived at the KSRTC Kengeri Workshop, bringing the total to 1,000 buses set to be incorporated into the fleet soon. These new buses will establish connections between Bengaluru and various district headquarters.

The buses are non-AC and women can avail themselves of free travel under the 'Shakti' scheme. Each bus can accommodate up to 50 passengers and is equipped with two cameras for surveillance purposes.

Features of Ashwamedha

Panic buttons, vehicle location tracking units and cameras are installed on both the front and rear sides of the bus. Additionally, Electronic Vehicle Stability Control is integrated, along with front and rear LED destination boards.

Each bus is equipped with 50 seats featuring high backs with high-quality cushioning and rexine material, including magazine pouches and water bottle holders. The passenger window frames and glass are wider, as are the louvre glass panels.

Strip-type LED lights illuminate the entrance footstep area. These buses comply with Bharat Stage Six norms and offer wider legroom for passenger comfort.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, KSRTC Mysuru Divisional Controller B. Srinivas said that the new buses have received a positive response from the public. He added that out of the 50 buses allocated, 15 will be stationed at the Mysuru depot.

Furthermore, he mentioned that KSRTC Mysuru Division is set to receive 30 e-vehicles, which will serve all taluk headquarters in the district. Additionally, the Division has requested the allocation of 100 more e-vehicles from the Central Government as part of modernisation efforts.

Pedestrians in peril

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The road that leads to Sayyaji Rao Road from Dodda Gadiyara near Rangacharlu Memorial Town Hall through Gandhi Square is reduced to a narrow stretch after the Olympia Theatre junction. Adding to the congestion is the footpath encroachment on either side, making it even more difficult for the pedestrians to walk with ease.

Though there is an increase in the number of footpath vendors with every passing day, Abhaya, emergency team of MCC, is doing a perfunctory job of clearing them along with seizing the articles. Surprisingly, the vendors return along with the same articles to set up shop at the same spot. Hence, any complaints in this regard will be met with little or no response, argue many who spoke to *Star of Mysore.*

Embarrassing moments

Girl students from rural areas pursuing various courses at the colleges in the city prefer to walk through the same lane to reach KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand on Mother Teresa Road. But they have to suffer embarrassing moments with eve-teasers troubling them. Despite bringing it to the notice of City Police, it is not bearing any results, rued Suma and her friends who are pursuing PUC at a city college.

It may be mentioned that the MCC had launched footpath vendors eviction drive in July 2023, identifying the epicentres of encroachments in Central Business District (CBD) area namely, Sayyaji Rao Road, Dhanvantri Road, Town Hall, Old Bank Road, Shivarampet, Santhepet, Irwin Road, Ashoka Road and B.N. Road.

The eviction drive began from Sayyaji Rao Road, but met with stiff resistance from vendors who vouched to conduct business without coming in the way of pedestrians. But the disorder continued, with footpath vendors setting up make-shift shops according to their whims and fancy after a few days.

This followed the heated discussion in MCC Council about footpath encroachments and the then Mayor Shivakumar and MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy taking a serious look into the issue. However, the continued action faded into oblivion with the subsequent transfer of the MCC Commissioner and the expiry of the term of MCC Council in November 2023.

In other localities too

The encroachment of footpaths and roadsides is not restricted to heart of the city. Similar is the situation on a stretch of New Sayyaji Rao Road from Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle (Highway Circle) to Old RMC Junction, where juice vendors, automobile showrooms, hotels and other business outlets have encroached upon the footpath space.

Similarly, Mission Hospital Road in Mandi Mohalla, Shivaji Road in NR Mohalla, Old Bank Road near Prabha Theatre, Ashoka Road and surroundings, are also partly encroached upon by footpath vendors and roadside vendors.

Chamaraja Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in city on Feb. 8

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (BLU, TRR& VNS)- The first ever Kannada Sahitya Sammelana of Chamaraja Assembly Constituency will be held on Feb. 8 at Kalamandira.

Addressing media persons at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru City President K.S. Shivaram said that former Vice-Chancellor Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda will chair the event.

The Sahitya Sammelan will begin with National Flag Hoisting at Karnataka Ratna De.Ja.Gow. Vedike, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Auditorium, at 8.30 am. Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda will hoist the National Flag, Parishat District President Maddikere Gopal will hoist State Flag and City President K.S. Shivaram will unfurl the Parishat Flag.

MCC Deputy Commissioner B.S. Somashekar will be the chief guest. University of Mysore (UoM) Department of Physical Education (DPE) Director C. Venkatesh will be present. Sammelana President Prof. Chidananda Gowda will be brought in a procession from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, to Kalamandira at 9 am. MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth and MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar will be the chief guests. Later, the stage programme will be inaugurated by Prof. M. Krishnegowda at 11 am. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will preside.

The book 'Dashakagala Sahityada Mogasaaleyalli,' written by Jayaprakash Rao, will be released by Karnataka Sahitya Academy former Chairman Prof. Aravinda Malagathi while former MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah will release the book 'Darshanika Kuvempu' authored by Prof. Y.S. Gowramma. This will be followed by Dr. Chidananda Gowda's speech.

The Sammelana will feature discussions and kavighosti on the topic 'Kannada-Kannadiga-Karnataka: Sthiti-Gathi.'

The organisers will also felicitate eminent personalities on the occasion. The event will end with a valedictory ceremony at 5.30 pm. Senior writer Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj will deliver the valedictory address. Dr. Chidananda Gowda will also speak on the occasion. MLA K. Harishgowda will preside.

Senior writer Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) and University of Mysore Registrar V.R. Shylaja will be the special invitees. Legislators G.T. Devegowda, A.H. Vishwanath, Dr. D. Thimmaiah will be the chief guests.

Various Committees have been formed to ensure the success of the event which is being held at the time when Karnataka is celebrating its Golden Jubilee.

Former Corporator SBM Manju, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, Parishat District President Maddikere Gopal and Sammelana Convenor M. Chandrashekar were present in the press meet.

OOD facility for teachers to participate in Sahitya Sammelana: DDPI

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (SBD&KS)- Teachers in city limits will be provided with On Official Duty (OOD) facility to participate in the first Chamaraja Constituency Kannada Sahitya Sammelana, DDPI H.K. Pandu has stated.

The first Chamaraja Constituency Kannada Sahitya Sammelana, organised by the District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, will be held on Feb. 8 at Kalamandira in city during which a seminar on 'Naadu-Nudi' will be held. Parishat City President K.S. Shivaram had sought permission to allow interested teachers to participate.

In this backdrop, the DDPI has permitted teachers to participate and has ordered to provide OOD facility to the teachers. He has also instructed the officials concerned to give necessary instructions to school heads to allow NCC, NSS students and Scouts & Guides band sets to participate in the procession.

15,000 students move out of Mysuru in five years

School Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa expresses concern over poor quality of education; promises remedial measures

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (BLU&BS)- Mysuru, once hailed as a 'Hub of Education,' is facing a challenge in maintaining its prestigious status, said School Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa.

He has voiced serious concerns over the migration of students from Mysuru and surrounding districts to Mangaluru due to perceived diminishing quality of education.

Chairing a progress review meeting of the School Education and Literacy Department at the Zilla Panchayat Hall here this morning, he highlighted the significant migration of students from Mysuru to Mangaluru between 2019 and 2023.

"Over the past five years, a total of 15,000 students, including those from Government, aided and unaided educational institutions in Mysuru district, have opted to move to Mangaluru, citing concerns about the quality of education here. This trend is also observed in Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Chikkamagalur districts," he revealed, pledging to implement measures to tackle this issue.

In the wake of recent incidents of forcing school students to clean toilets on campus, which drew sharp criticism across the State, the Minister warned the authorities not to give room for such complaints.

The Department is also developing a software to enable people to raise complaints on cleanliness on campus by sending them to a command centre. A total of 48,000 schools are functioning in the State and the students who should hold 'pen and books' in hand shouldn't be forced to hold brooms, he said.

In addition, free electricity and drinking water will be supplied to schools to facilitate students to make use of computer labs, which otherwise remains unused owing to errant power supply, he added.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) K.M. Gayathri, Chamarajanagar ZP CEO Anand Prakash Meena and other officers were present at the meeting.

Minister alleges Central cut in education grants too

Mysuru, Feb. 6 (BLU&BS)- Defending the move of the State Congress Government to stage a protest against the Centre at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi tomorrow (Feb. 7) under the leadership of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, School Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa alleged that injustice is being meted out to Education Department also from the Centre.

Speaking to media persons at Government Guest House in the city this morning, he said that under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), every student should be allocated an average of Rs. 5,500 from the Centre, which varies in the range of 10 percent to 15 percent from every State.

"However, Karnataka has been allotted Rs. 2,400 per student. I have written questioning this disparity to Union Minister for Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan, but still waiting for an opportunity to meet the Minister," he claimed.

Unlike other Departments, the School Education and Literacy Department is bigger and full of challenges and issues that remain to be addressed. A total of 1.2 crore students study in 58,000 Government schools. Taking into cognisance the need for opportunities for students to perform, three annual exams were introduced.

A total of 1.2 lakh II PU students appeared for the third exam and 42,000 among them passed. Similar system is introduced in the SSLC exam too and the usage of word 'supplementary' in marks sheet has been discontinued, he added.

On the proposal to introduce ragi malt to school students under Ksheera Bhagya Yojane, he said it will be implemented soon. "Ksheera Bhagya Yojane is already in force with milk given to students thrice a week. Plans are on the anvil to add ragi malt powder with milk. Testing is underway at Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru," he added.

Six more AI-based cameras on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway

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The quoted price of the project is Rs. 3,63,06,400, excluding GST.

At present, the ANPR cameras, also known as Licence Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras, have been installed near Amaravathi Hotel — near Ummadahalli Gate — that is 93-km from Bengaluru. As per the NHAI plan, six more locations on the 119-km Expressway will get such cameras to catch the violators.

NHAI officials emphasised that a primary objective behind the installation of these cameras is to identify and penalise speeding violations. The cameras are equipped to capture vehicle numbers, enabling the issuance of challans to offending drivers.

Leveraging Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and advanced image processing techniques, the technology is adept at automatically interpreting vehicle registration plates. The ANPR camera is specifically designed to capture high-resolution images of licence plates, extract characters from the images, and convert them into alphanumeric data for effective enforcement of traffic regulations.

Additionally, the NHAI hopes that the installation of more such cameras will also serve as a deterrent against thefts. Officials have noted a surge in incidents where thieves exploit the situation, with reported cases of thefts involving fences, crash barriers, and lights.

Melukote Nadaswara team enthrals devotees at Ayodhya Ram Temple

Melukote (Mandya), Feb.6- Following the inauguration of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Jan. 22, the Nadaswara team from Melukote Cheluvanarayanaswamy Temple has been captivating the atmosphere in Ayodhya with their daily performances.

This dedicated service, led by Nadaswara Vidwan M.P. Nagaraju, Dollu Vidwan Ashok, and other artistes, will go on without interruption for 48 days at the temple.

The Nadaswara team's repertoire includes performances during various events such as Utsav, Sri Balak Ram Special Puja, Sahasranama and Mangalaarathi, held every day since the inauguration of the Ram Mandir.

Impressed by the remarkable performances of the Melukote Nadaswara team, especially under the leadership of Vidwan M.P. Nagaraju, the Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra extended an invitation for the troupe to perform during the "Pran Pratishtha" ceremony on Jan. 22 and the subsequent days. The troupe has been faithfully delivering daily performances in Ayodhya and will continue this service for the entire 48-day period of Mandala Puja.

Expressing his sentiments, Nadaswara Vidwan M.P. Nagaraju mentioned that the team is performing with utmost devotion in Ayodhya. He emphasised that the team is offering this devotional service without any expectation of monetary returns. Being part of the Ayodhya performances is a source of pride for the entire team, considering the heightened levels of devotion.

Agriculture Scientist bags Leadership Award

Mysuru, Feb. 6- H.V. Divya, a senior scientist at ICAR-JSS Krishi Vijnana Kendra (KVK), Suttur, was conferred with the prestigious Young Extension Services Leadership Award-2024 for her excellence in the field of seed production and Agricultural research.

She was given the award at the Industries Leadership Award-2024 ceremony organised under the aegis of Agri Amigos Private Limited at Theni in Tamil Nadu recently.

As a senior scientist, Divya who is In-charge Head of JSS-KVK, is involved in managing all activities of KVK, organisation of Agri Expos, running of Agri Clinics and overseeing the training programmes.

H.V. Divya

Mysore Music Association to present Intl. Musical Extravaganza on Feb.10

Mysuru, Feb. 6- The Mysore Music Association will present a grand musical extravaganza by bringing together renowned international music groups for a spectacular event on Feb. 10 (Saturday) at 6.30 pm at the KSOU Convocation Hall on Hunsur Road in city.

The event has been organised by the Association in partnership with Toccato Musical Productions from London, UK and The Dutch Nightingales from Denmark, to create a unique fusion of musical styles and traditions. This event promises to be a feast for the senses, showcasing the best of Indian and international music.

The concert will feature a diverse range of performances, from classical symphonies to contemporary compositions, all performed by some of the most talented musicians in the world.

Entry Pass

Music-lovers from all walks of life may attend this unforgettable evening. Admission is only by a Pass. The Passes are available at the Rotary Centre, JLB Road, Mysuru; Jaganmohan Palace Office; Sharada Jewellers on Devaraj Urs Road; Decibells Acoustics at T.K. Layout; Symphony music store in Krishna Vilas Road and St. Cecilia's School of Music at Lashkar Mohalla. Passes are issued on first-come-first-served basis.

Toccata Musical Productions

Based in the city of Belfast, Northern Ireland (UK), Toccata Musical Productions has around 100 members made up of experienced professional and semi-professional musicians from diverse backgrounds. The group is a reflection of multivariate perspectives gathered from International experiences having performed around the world and in world renowned musicals at the Westend in London. Toccata has also performed with celebrity artistes like Dan Seals, Elton John, Kenyan Boys Choir and Indian Maestro Ilaiyaraaja to name a few.

The soloists have triumphed in lead roles in Musicals like The Lion King, Dusty Springfield, The Phantom of the Opera, War Horse etc. Having earned a reputation for excellence and innovation, Toccata has over the past 10 years, built itself as one of UK's premier musical bodies.

Founded by Dr. Sunil Paulraj with a vision to reach out to the disadvantaged through music, Toccata brought together a like-minded team who offer their time and talent to the initiative for 2 productions every year. Toccata collaborates with local choirs for international concerts facilitating cultural exchanges and creating magic with the resulting fusions. The school initiative trains students and provides a platform to them to perform with the celebrity orchestral environment.

Designated the Cultural Ambassadors of UK, Toccata is backed by the British diplomatic posts in the country of performance. What has remained a constant in the 10 years having toured 15 nations is the enormous adulation of the press and the ever-growing fan base.

Toccata has contributed to various beneficiaries in the host countries donating the gate revenue from shows and used medical equipment to the needy hospitals. Toccata is partly self-funded and partly relies on local partnerships and sponsors.

The Dutch Nightingales

Youth choir The Dutch Nightingales consists of boys and girls between 7 and 20 years old that travel the world to sing. Its members live within the wide vicinity of Oosterhout, a small town in the south of the Netherlands. Before joining the concert class, prospective choristers enter a training group, in which qualified teachers prepare them for their life as a Nightingale.

The balanced but continuous inflow of newly trained singers ensures a constant quality, which accounts for the choir's good reputation both within the Dutch borders and far beyond. The Nightingales' distinctive sound is partly due to the presence of 3rd altos (boys undergoing a voice change), which lends a particular charm and colour to the many four and five part pieces.

Almost every year the choir travels abroad. Their tours have taken them to many countries, including America, Denmark, Norway, the Czech Republic, Poland, Canada, England, Belgium, Spain, South Africa, Austria, Germany, Russia/Siberia, Albania, Ireland and New Zealand. As 'singing ambassadors' the Nightingales frequently represent regional and (inter)national authorities and enterprises.

Maargashira Edition of Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava held

Mysuru, Feb. 6- The 8th (Maargashira) edition of Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava was held on Pushya Shuddha Ekadashi (Jan. 21) at Champaka Sabhangana in the Champaka Academy premises, Ramakrishnanagar, showcasing Bharatanatyam performances by accomplished artistes from Bengaluru and Mysuru.

To celebrate the Prana Pratishtapana of Lord Baala Rama at Rama Janmabhoomi, Ayodhya, the evening started with a Gamaka Nritya Roopaka 'Sundarakaanda - Ashokavanadalli Kshaatra Seethe' showcasing an episode from Torave Ramayana composed by Kumara Valmiki / Torave Narahari, by Vidushi Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan (as Hanuman and Sita), Founder of Champaka Academy, Mysuru.

Vidushi Chethana Nagaraj (Music composition and vocal), Vidushi Shruti Prasad (Gamaka Vaachana), Vidwan Kiran (Mridanga), K.P. Pranav (Flute) and Dhananjaya (Dialogues) were part of the musical ensemble.

The nadugannada poetry was well-elaborated to show the greatness of Sita in the eyes of Hanuman and the greatness of Rama in the mind of Sita. The way Sita rejected Ravana in anger and the joy given by Hanuman by offering Rama's ring were the emotional highlights of the presentation. Vid. Gunashankar Swamy (disciple of Vid. Kannan) enacted as Ravana and Vidu. Swathi Harish (disciple of Dr. Nagalakshmi) took up the role of Trijate.

Vidu. K.S. Nagashree, Artistic Director of Natyasankula School of Bharatanatyam, Bengaluru, along with her disciples, presented a Bharatanatyam feature thereafter. She and her students danced divinely to the appreciation of the audience, to some of the famous kritis like Sriman Narayana, Shringapuradheeshwari and more.

The evening concluded with a performance by Vid. Gunashankar Swamy of Karunya Kalaa Kendra, Manasagangothri, Mysuru, along with his disciples. They danced to devaranamas, kritis and tillana. Lakshminarayana Babu, Vice-President of Mysuru's prestigious Sabhas — Bidaram Krishnappa's Rama Mandira and Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha — was the chief guest and spoke of the importance of respect gained by great artistes in the society and hence the responsibility of artistes.

Suttur Jathra Events

TODAY [February 6]

PUJA-PROCESSIONS AT KARTHRU GADDUGE

4.30 pm: Procession of Sri Adi Jagadguru deity from Sri Mutt to Karthru Gadduge; **6 pm:** Sri Veerabhadreshwara Kondothsava; **7 pm:** Karthru Gadduge - Naandi Kalasha Sthapane, Ankurarpana.

INAUGURATION

4 pm: Inauguration of **Exhibition** by K.H. Muniyappa, Minister for Food & Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs; Inauguration of **Agricultural Fair** by Shivananda S. Patil, Minister for Textiles, Sugar and Agricultural Marketing; Inauguration of **Health Camp** by Dinesh Gundu Rao, Minister for Health and Family Welfare; Inauguration of **Cultural Fair** by Madhu Bangarappa, Minister for School Education, Literacy and Sakala; Inauguration of **Boating** by Kota Srinivasa Poojari, Leader of Opposition, Legislative Council; Mahantesh S. Koujalagi, MLA and Chairman, Karnataka State Finance Corporation and Ramesh Babu Bandisiddegowda, MLA and Chairman, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Ltd., R. Ganesh, MLA, Ooty, Allam Veerabhadrappa, former Minister, C.K. Ramamurthy, MLA, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, C.N. Manjegowda, MLC and P.M. Prasanna, Chairman, MyMUL, chief guests; Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Jagadguru Sri Adrushya Kadasiddheshwara Mahaswamiji, Sri Siddhagiri Samsthana Mutt, Kaneri and Jagadguru Sri Prasannanandapuri Mahaswamiji, Sri Valmiki Peetha, Rajanahalli will grace the occasion; Shivaraj S. Tangadagi, Minister for Kannada & Culture and Backward Classes, presides.

CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

At Gadduge — 7 pm: Bhakti Sudhe by Muralidhar Pai, son of late Bhadragiri Keshavadas, Sharada Music Centre, Maryland, USA; **8 pm:** Bharatanatyam by N. Saraswati Ravikumar and troupe, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru; **9 pm:** Sugama Sangeetha by R.M. Sumanth Vasishta and troupe, Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru.

DRAMAS

At Hiriyara Mane premises — 10 pm: 'Sampurna Ramayana' by Sri Mahalingeshwara Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, K. Hemmanahalli, Mysuru.

At Sri Siddhananja Deshikendra Mangala Mantapa — 10 pm: 'Naladamayanthi' or 'Shani Prabhava' by Sri Kalabhairaveshwara Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Hadya, Nanjangud taluk.

Adjacent to Govt. Higher Primary School — 10 pm: 'Rati Manmathara Kalyana' or 'Kowndlikana Vadhe' by Sri Maruti Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru.

Behind Sri Ghanalinga Shivayogi Guest House — 10 pm: 'Sri Shanimahatme' or 'Raja Vikrama' by Sri Seetalalingeshwara Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Sabbanahalli, Maddur taluk.

DAILY SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

Daily from 10 am to 9 pm — • Exhibition of handloom, handicrafts, rural products, industrial goods and domestic items etc., Book and Art Expo, Educational Models prepared by High School students; • Expo-cum-Sale of products produced by various institutions, Co-operative Societies, Self-help organisations, Sthree Shakthi Sanghas and cottage industries; • Health, Medical & Science Exhibition.

Daily from 10 am to 7.30 pm — Krishi Mela: • Demonstration of paddy crop through drip irrigation; • Demonstration of diverse crop varieties, exhibition and sale of agricultural equipment/ tools; • Exhibition of native breeds of cattle, sheep, goat and chickens; • Demonstration of various varieties of crops; • Demonstration and sale of varieties of millets and Pulses; • One-Acre 'Krishi Brahmanda'; • Exhibition of foreign food crops like Chiya and Teph.

• Health Check-Up by Expert Doctors from JSS Hospital, Mysuru, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru; • Cancer Check-up Camp from Feb. 6 to 10.

TOMORROW [February 7]

PUJA PROCESSIONS AT KARTHRU GADDUGE

4 am: Maharudrabhisheka, Laksha Bilwarchane, Mahamangalarathi, Silver Palanquin-Prakarothsava; **7.30 am:** Suttur - Friendship-Cordiality-Peace March; **9 am:** Shatsthala Flag Hoisting - Sri Mummadi Nirvana Mahaswamiji, Sri Degula Mutt, Kanakapura; Message - Dr. Sri Rajashekara Shivacharya Swamiji, Sri Hiremath Samsthana, Bemalakhedha, Gorata, Bidar district; **9 am:** Halharavi Uthsava (Sahasra Kumbhothsava) - Sri Mutt to Karthru Gadduge and Sri Someshwara Uthsava; **6 pm:** Maharudrabhisheka and Mahamangalarathi.

INAUGURATION OF MASS MARRIAGE

10 am: Jagadguru Sri Niranjanananandapuri Mahaswamiji, Sri Kanakaguru Peetha, Kaginele and Swami Gururatnam Jnanathapaswi, General Secretary, Santhagiri Ashram, Thiruvanantapura, will grace the occasion; Inauguration by Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister; Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Minister for Social Welfare, presides; Distribution of Artefact by K.J. George, Minister for Energy; Distribution of Mangalya by S.S. Mallikarjun, Minister for Horticulture, Mines & Geology; Distribution of Certificates by Priyank Kharge, Minister for Rural Development, Panchayat Raj and IT & BT; Administration of Oath by Mankala S. Vaidya, Minister for Fisheries, Ports and Inland Transport; Aravind Bellad, Deputy Leader of Opposition, Legislative Assembly, Dr. K. Govindaraju, MLC and Political Secretary to CM, H.D. Revanna, MLA and former Minister, S.V. Balasubramaniam, Chairman, Bannari Amman Sugars Ltd., V. Veerappan, Maryland, USA, Moolchand Nahar, Industrialist, Bengaluru and Suguna Shivanand, Toranto, Canada, chief guests.

INAUGURATION OF BHAJANA MELA, INDIGENOUS GAMES, SOBANE PADA & RANGOLI COMPETITION

4 pm: Inauguration of State-level Bhajana Mela by S.M. Krishna, former Chief Minister; Indigenous Games by B. Nagendra, Minister for Youth Services, Sports and ST Welfare; Sobane Pada & Rangoli Competition by Lakshmi R. Hebbalkar, Minister for Women & Child Development, Disabled and Senior Citizens' Empowerment; C.C. Patil, MLA and former Minister, Sumalatha Ambareesh, MP, Mandya, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, MLC, Sharanagowda Kandakura, MLA, Gurumitkal, H.D. Thammaiah, MLA, Chikkamagaluru, K. Harishgowda, MLA, Mysuru, D. Ravishankar, MLA, K.R. Nagar, Darling Krishna, Cine Artiste and S.K. Manjunath, Maryland, USA, chief guests. Thaporathna Karunadevi Matha, Sri Akkamahadevi Chaitanya Peetha, Srishaila and Sri Basavananda Swamiji, Sri Gurubasava Mahamane, Managundi, Dharwad, will grace the occasion. Dr. G. Parameshwara, Minister for Home Affairs, presides.

CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

At Gadduge — 8 am: Nadaswara; **9 am:** Folk and Sugama Sangeetha by Malkundi Mahadevaswamy, Dr. R. Ningaraju & troupe, Suttur; **2 pm:** Folk Song by Shivu Chavadi & troupe, Bogadi, Mysuru; **3 pm:** Demonstration of Yoga by Sri Patanjali Yoga Shikshana Samithi, Nanjangud; **6.30 pm:** Yoga Dance by students of JSS Public School, J.P. Nagar and JSS Degree College, Ooty Road, Mysuru; **7 pm:** Bharatanatyam by Chaitanya Shadakshari, Vijayanagar, Mysuru; **8 pm:** Hasya Sanje by Basavaraju and troupe, Ummattur, Chamarajanagar taluk; **9 pm:** Janapada Jadoo by Kadaba Srinivasa, Sanjeevini Nagar, Bengaluru.

At Exhibition Premises — 8 pm: The Talking Doll (Matanaduva Gombe) by Suma Rajkumar, Mysuru.

DRAMAS

At Hiriyara Mane premises — 10 pm: 'Bhaktha Prahlada' by Sri Basaveshwara Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Bilugali, Nanjangud taluk.

At Sri Siddhananja Deshikendra Mangala Mantapa — 10 pm: 'Sri Devimahatme' or 'Mahishasura Mardini' by Sri Ambika Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Hosayalanadu, Hiriyur taluk.

Adjacent to Govt. Higher Primary School — 10 pm: 'Sri Shaniprabhava' or 'Raja Vikrama' by Sri Siddheshwara Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Motthahalli, Mandya taluk.

Behind Sri Ghanalinga Shivayogi Guest House — 10 pm: 'Dakshayajna' by Sri Balaji Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Mellahalli, Mysuru taluk.

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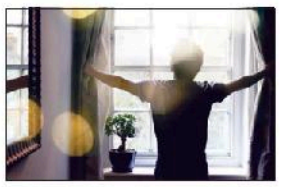
WORD OF THE DAY

Zeitgeber



Pronunciation: TSYTE-gay-ber.
Meaning: Zeitgeber refers to an environmental agent or event (such as the occurrence of light or dark) that provides the stimulus which sets or resets an organism's biological clock.
Origin: Zeitgebers are alarm clocks—both biologically and etymologically. The word zeitgeber comes from a combination of two German terms: Zeit, meaning "time," and Geber, which means "giver." In nature, zeitgebers tend to be cyclic or recurring patterns that help keep the body's circadian rhythms operating in an orderly way. For earthlings of all kinds, the daily pattern of light and darkness and the warmer and colder temperatures between day and night serve as zeitgebers, cues that keep organisms functioning on a regular schedule—consider how the changing ratio of day to night in spring serves as a trigger for critters such as birds and spring peepers to sing their mating songs. For humans, societally imposed cycles, such as the schedule of the work or school day and regular mealtimes, can become zeitgebers as well.
Example: "Which digital rhythms are we actively following because they make us feel good, and which are we entrained to? Entrainment, a term that originated in biology and then spread to the social sciences, refers to the alignment of an organism's physiology or behaviour with a cycle; the most familiar example would be our circadian rhythm. The signal driving entrainment, in this case light and dark, is called a 'zeitgeber' ..." — Jenny Odell, The New York Times, 8 Dec. 2022

THE ODD WORD

Ucalegon

Neighbour whose house is on fire.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

When pigs fly

Meaning: The phrase 'When pigs fly' refers to something that is highly unlikely to ever happen.
Origin: There have been many mentions of flying pigs throughout history, and there's some argument about the origin of the phrase "When pigs fly." The most general consensus is that the term originated either in Germany or Scotland, as there are plenty of examples of its use as a way to describe something that is physically impossible.
Example: "I might wake up early tomorrow to clean my room". "Yes, you'll do that when pigs fly."

QUOTE BOX

The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness.

— **Dalai Lama**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

WINEEEE

Answer: Win with ease.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 The female reproductive cells of mammals
4 "No dele" for the printer
8 Prison (slang)
12 ___ de mer or seasickness?
13 Local headgear?
14 Russian mountain range
15 Adam's __ __ : Eve was made from this? (5,3)
17 Makes less bright
18 Ballet company
19 Goodbye
21 Golf item
23 Inquiring of
27 Spreads
31 Hindu sun-god
32 Battery size
33 Spanish friend
35 Bumped into
36 Love of or taste for objects of art; objects of art as curios and antiques
38 Tell a story
40 Vigour, spirit
42 Fr. holy title
43 Famous whaler of Moby Dick?
45 Tropical fruit
49 Petty criminal
52 Sneaking or crawling
54 Blacktop a road
55 Little Boy Blue's instrument
56 Dundee denial
57 Radical C-5 H-11 in organic chemistry?
58 Taunt with being a fool
59 Had a meal

DOWN
1 City on the Irtysh
2 Industrially developed Gujarat city
3 Pertaining to wings
4 Australia's ex-cricket captain (5,5)
5 Craggy mountain top
6 Heroic story
7 A bone of the leg
8 Japanese number puzzle
9 Three as a prefix
10 I think therefore _ __? (1,2)
11 Dr. Jekyll creator's monogram
16 A list of duties
20 Variety; medley
22 Tree - "Mel" anagram?
24 Girl's name
25 Russian no
26 Open it to go into the garden
27 Rescue or preserve from harm or danger
28 Suffering or misery
29 Very seldom seen
30 Moral transgression
34 Oxygen for one; nitrogen for another?
37 Make a trip
39 Harvest corn
41 Sailing boat
44 By the sweat of one's ___ : by hard work?
46 Singer Simone
47 Flying pest
48 Curved moulding
49 Masseur's place
50 Shriver of tennis
51 ___ league : group of famous colleges in Eastern U.S.?
53 Gad's son ?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	A	F	E	■	J	O	B	■	B	S	E	S
P	R	O	D	■	A	N	U	■	C	O	L	T
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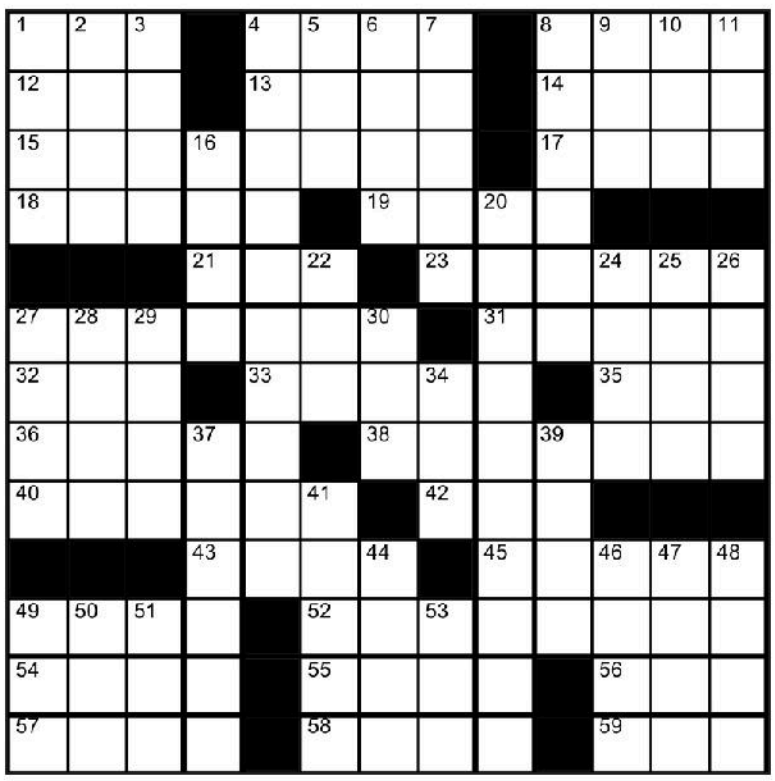

SUDOKU

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2		9				8		
					2		3	
			1		9			6

Answer to previous puzzle

1	4	9	3	8	7	6	5	2
2	8	6	9	5	4	7	1	3
7	5	3	1	2	6	8	4	9
8	1	5	4	3	2	9	6	7
6	3	4	8	7	9	1	2	5
9	2	7	5	6	1	4	3	8
3	7	1	2	4	8	5	9	6
5	9	8	6	1	3	2	7	4
4	6	2	7	9	5	3	8	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BCI WZLI ET PERA YRUZIQXI UEIWQ'B JYBBIA. OCYB'W

ZJFEABYQB ZW BCYB PERA YRUZIQXI ZW NZWBIQZQH.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Do not be afraid of defeat. You are never so near victory as when defeated in a good cause.

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  Fighter (H) - 4 Shows
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Crush (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Bachelor Party (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
Kaatera (K)	(S-2)	3.55 pm
Next Goal Wins (E)	(S-2)	7.20 pm, 9.50 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-3)	10.05 am, 1.00 pm
		4.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Hanuman (K)	(S-4)	9.55 am
Fighter - 2D (H)	(S-4)	1.00 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.30 pm

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Upadhyaksha (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.25 pm
		7.30 pm, 9.15 pm
Yathabhava (K)	:	10.40 am
Kaatera (K)	:	1.10 pm, 7.45 pm
Fighter (H-3D)	:	1.25 pm, 4.35 pm, 7.45 pm
Supplier Shankara (K)	:	4.35 pm

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Fighter (H-3D)	:	10.30 am, 2.40 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.50 pm
Fighter (H-2D)	:	11.45 am, 3.20 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Argylle (E)	:	11.10 am, 4.35 pm, 10.00 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	11.20 am
Hanu-man (Te)	:	10.30 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	12.05 pm, 6.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Devil (2024) (Ta)	:	1.10 pm, 7.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.05 pm
Next Goal Wins (E)	:	2.10 pm, 7.35 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	2.40 pm
Bachelor Party (K)	:	3.15 pm
Dil to Pagal Hai (H)	:	6.15 pm

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Fighter (H-3D)	:	3.20 pm, 6.55 pm, 10:30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.40 am
Argylle (E)	:	12.10 pm, 6.30 pm
Bachelor Party (K)	:	12.35 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	3.10 pm
Hanu-man (K)	:	9.30 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	3.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Vadakkupatti Ramasamy (Ta)	:	6.50 pm

Youths should contribute to nation's growth: Prof. Jose

Mysuru, Feb. 6- Secretary of Rural Literacy and Health Programme (RLHP) Prof. V.K. Jose said that the youths, apart from focusing on their academic progress, should also pledge to contribute for the country's growth.

He was speaking after inaugurating the 'National Youth Day' programme organised by RLHP in association with Post-Graduate section of Mahajana First Grade College at the College premises here recently.

Highlighting the role of youths in the country's growth and progress, Prof. Jose said that the youths should watch the ongoing developments regarding climate change, environment protection and other such issues, which are keenly debated across the world. Pointing out that Swami Vivekananda had kept faith in the youth force for taking forward the nation, he said that the youth must work towards realising Vivekananda's dream of a strong and stable India.

Samajika Nyaya Vedike Regional Head Satish Metri wanted the youths to engage themselves in eradicating inequality, discrimination etc., that is deep-rooted in the society.

Noting that there are no restrictions for serving the society, he said that service mindedness holds key for social service. Continuing, he said that we can bring about societal change only with the involvement of youths in large numbers. He called upon the youths to strive for ecological protection and eradication of environmental pollution.

Pooja Bhagavath Memorial Mahajana Post-Graduate Centre Director Dr. C.K. Renukarya, who also spoke, expressed concern over youths falling prey to addictions and bad habits.

Stressing on the need for taking forward the youths in the right direction, he attributed bad habits for the youths failure to achieve success in life. He called upon the youths to shun bad habits and to work towards bringing about a positive change in the society.

In all, 12 students of the college took part in the debate held on the topic 'Whether environment conservation could be done by changing the lifestyle', as a part of the programme.

RLHP Director Saraswathi, Social Work Department Head Dr. Bhavana & others were present.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 6)

- **University of Mysore Fine Arts College, Sri Gubbi Veeranna Chair, Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Kendra, Rangayana, Mysuru and KSGH Music and Performing Arts University:** Ranga Samyukta - Lecture series, talk on 'Cinema' by Abhay Simha, Bengaluru, B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi, Rangayana, **5 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Prelude to the annual day of Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha and Sri Purandaradasa and Sri Thyagaraja Aradhana scheduled for Feb. 11, Rakesh Iyer - Vocal, **6 pm;** S. Dayakar - Violin Solo, Bidaram Krishnappa Ramamandira, **7.15 pm to 8.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 7)

- **Directorate of Student Welfare (DSW), University of Mysore (UoM):** Valedictory of 3-day University-level Inter-College Literary and Cultural Competitions 2023-24, EMRC auditorium, Manasagangothri, **5 pm.**
- **University of Mysore Fine Arts College, Sri Gubbi Veeranna Chair, Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Kendra, Rangayana and Music & Performing Arts University:** Ranga Samyukta - Lecture series, M.D. Pallavi, Bengaluru, delivers lecture on Music, B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi, Rangayana premises, **5 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Week-long series of classical concerts by budding and local artistes as a prelude to the annual day of Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha and Sri Purandaradasa and Sri Thyagaraja Aradhana scheduled for Feb. 11, Amrutha Tarakesh - Vocal, **6 pm;** Sushma Deepak - Vocal, Krishnamurthypuram Ramamandira, **7.15 pm to 8.30 pm.**

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Fighter (H-2D)	:	11 am, 2.30 pm, 6.00 pm, 9.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.20 am
Bachelor Party (K)	:	12.50 pm
Next Goal Wins (E)	:	1.15 pm, 8.05 pm
Sridevi Prasanna (Marathi)	:	3.55 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	10.00 pm
Vadakkupatti Ramasamy (Ta)	:	10.10 pm

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Fighter (H-3D)	:	9.50 am, 6.30 pm
Fighter (H-2D)	:	10.50 am, 3.00 pm
		5.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Supplier Shankara (K)	:	11.25 am
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	12.55 pm, 4.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Argylle (E)	:	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm, 10:20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.20 pm
Devil -2024 (Ta)	:	2.50 pm
Vadakkupatti Ramasamy (Ta)	:	7.10 pm
Yathabhava (K)	:	9.15 pm

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01.	Digital Black & White Multi-Function Printer (Device) (A3 Copier, Print, Scan, Copy, Duplex, Network, Two Try with ADF Copy Speed :45 CPM/PPM)	Rs. 2,40,000.00	6,000.00	As per e-procurement

Date & time of Accessing Tender Documents : from 02-02-2024 onwards 5.00 pm
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